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RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP OF COUNCILMEMBERS TO INVESTIGATE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, Section 92-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), permits the Council to assign two or more, but fewer than five, Councilmembers to investigate matters relating to the business of the Council, without the interactions of the Councilmembers in the course of the investigation being considered a "meeting," under Chapter 92, Part I, HRS, provided that:

- (A) The scope of the investigation and the scope of each member's authority are defined at a meeting of the Council;
- (B) All resulting findings and recommendations are presented to the Council at a meeting of the Council; and
- (C) Deliberation and decisionmaking on the matter investigated, if any, occurs only at a duly noticed meeting of the Council held subsequent to the meeting at which the findings and recommendations of the investigation were presented to the Council;

and

WHEREAS, certain Councilmembers wish to meet with members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation and other federal officials in Washington, D.C., including officials of the Federal Transit Administration, to discuss matters including but not limited to federal funding for the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTC Project), commonly referred to as the city's fixed rail transit project and for the city bus system, during the period from February 21 through 25, 2015; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that a permitted interaction group composed of Council Chair Ernest Martin, and Councilmembers Joey Manahan, Brandon Elefante, and Trevor Ozawa, is hereby established and authorized to investigate, while the group is in Washington, D.C., during the period from February 21 through 25, 2015, issues relating to the city's acquisition of federal funding for the HHCTC Project and for the city bus system, which matters relate to the official business of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member of the permitted interaction group may, during the investigation, make any binding commitment or create any obligation on behalf of the group, the Council, or the City; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the permitted interaction group shall present a written report to the Council of its findings and recommendations at a Council meeting and, pursuant to HRS Section 92-2.5(b)(1)(C), upon the Council's acceptance of the report at a subsequent Council meeting, the group shall be dissolved.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JAN 2 8 2015

Councilmembers

Honolulu, Hawaii